Drug addition in University Campuses

2708. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most of the University Campuses in the country drug addication is prevalent amongst the youth; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps are being taken by Government to save our young generation from this evil?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) No study has been conducted by this Department/University Grants Commission about the incidence of drug addiction in University campuses. However, the prevention of drug abuse has been receiving attention of the University Grants Commission. They have written to all the Vice Chancellors about the necessity for control and preventive measures against drug abuse and advised that steps be taken to create awareness amongst the students about the consequences of drug addiction. A number of universities have initiated steps in this direction. These include introduction of counselling and guidance with a focus on drug abuse control. The evil effects of drugs are explained to students by holding seminars, lectures, film shows, etc.

Non-evaluation of answer scripts by faculty members of I.I.Ts.

2709. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that faculty members of the different Indian Institutes of Technology have boycotted the evaluation of the answer sheets of the Entrance Test held recently for admission of students to these Institutes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that students do not suffer on this account?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) Initially, the faculty members of IITs boycotted the evaluation of the answer sheets of the Entrance Test expressing dissatisfaction with revised pay scales. However, on appeal, the evaluation work was resumed. The results have since been announced.

Speedy disposal of cases in the department of women and child Development

2710. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have conducted a study regarding streamlining the procedures and delegation of authority for speedy disposal of cases dealt with by them and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a study has also been conducted for reducing and simplifying reports and returns and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these recommendations have been implemented; and if so, what are the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No such study has been conducted. However, in accordance with the provisions of the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure, a review of

orders regarding levels of disposal of cases and channel of submission in respect of subject dealt with in the Department was carried out. After reviewing, the following action was decided:

(i) For the expeditions disposal of cases, certain areas of work were identified where level jumping was introduced, according to which the files need not be routed through all the supervisory levels of officers. The areas in which this was introduced include certain programmes like Wheat-based Nutrition, Creches and Organisational Assistance to Voluntary Organisations.

(ii) Level jumping was also introduced in areas such as issue of increment order and grant of LTC advance/car advance.

(iii) To ensure, however, that the supervisory officer whose level has been eliminated is fully aware of the action and decisions taken on the file, the file is routed through him on its return journey.

(b) A review of periodical reports by each section/Desk was also undertaken with a view to:

(i) eliminating those reports which are unnecessary;

(ii) redesigning those which do not provide information/data in usuable form;

(iii) rationalising/simplifying the essential ones by combining two or more of them, where possible; and

(iv) revising the frequency in relation to the needs with due regard to constraints of time required for collection of information/data from field levels.

Five periodical returns have been reviewed in the Department. Three rturns have been rationalised and simplified. Thei rfrequencies have also been reduced, from fortnightly to monthly in one case and from monthly to quarterly in another.

(c) All the decisions taken above are implemented.

Exodus of Indian Airlines Pilots

2711. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steady exodus of the pilots particularly of Boeing 737 Commanders creating a serious problem for the Indian Airlines;

(c) if so, whether any officiating alfor stating the number of such pilots who left the Indian Airlines during the last one year and during this year so far; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to redress the grievances of the pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However during 1988 and 1989 (upto 31-7-89) 5 and 22 pilots respectively tendered their resignations from Indian Airlines on personal grounds. Resignations of 3 pilots have been accepted by Indian Airlines, one pilot has been dismissed and the resignations of the remaining pilots have not been accepted so far.

(c) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Indian Airlines Commercial Pilots' Association (the representative Union of pilots in Indian Airlines) and the management of Indian Airlines on 16-2-1989 for the period 1-10-85 to